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moment. Senator DeCamp has voiced an objection so we will pass over the issue momentarily until Senator Chambers does return.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation to whom was referred LB 861 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature the recommendation it be advanced to General File as amended; LB 937 General File. Signed Senator Syas, Chairman. Mr. President, your committee on Urban Affairs to whom was referred LB 161 instructs me to report the same to the Legislature the recommendation it be advanced to General File as amended; 459 indefinitely postponed; and 957 indefinitely postponed. Signed Senator Fowler, Chairman. That is all, Mr. President.

SENATOR BURBACH: We will now revert to General File. LB 1004. Senator Marvel.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1004 introduced by the Appropriations Committee. Read title. Now, Mr. President, this bill went directly to General File so there are no Committee amendments on it. There are a series of other amendments pending.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want me to explain the bill first?

SENATOR BURBACH: I would prefer that you would, yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Okay, LB 1004 is a new type legislation that is introduced for the purpose of giving the Legislature a little additional handle on capital construction items, to give you some idea of the volume of money that we shovel out for concrete. Now there are two parts to this and you will not find my name on this bill because I object to the inadequate way that we, in Departments, report on capital construction items. We never know at any one time how much money has been expended or is available for these major projects and I think that is a sad commentary on a billion dollar operation. We have two areas. One we call reaffirmation. That means that, if you set up a three year project and you spend so much each of the three years and you are in the middle portion of this, the second year of the project, you need to reaffirm the amounts that are left. If you got a ten million dollar project. You spent three million dollars the first year. You do not automatically proceed without the Legislature reaffirming the expenditure since at least some constitutional authorities indicate that we cannot bind succeeding Legislatures. So reaffirmation amounts to twenty million nine hundred fifty thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars. If anybody is interested in the projects we are talking about, I will be glad to go over them in detail. The second area has to do with reappropriations. That means that is money that has been okayed that has not been spent for one reason or another and so we need to once again declare our support of a project even though the building has not been completed. In other words, they